

Army athletes top nat'ls

Sports Reporter

Not unexpectedly, Bangla-desh Army remained the top athletic force in the country when they retained their pole position in the medals table of the 20th national championships which concluded at the Army Stadium, Banani, yesterday.



Golam Ambia (L) and Nilufar Yasmin...four golds each

The soldiers finished with 18 golds, 9 silvers and 5 bronzes to push Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), who had led on the first two days of the three-day meet, into second position. BJMC collected 13 golds, 10 silvers and 7 bronzes, followed by Bangladesh Ansars and Customs and Excise, who both trailed a poor third, with only one gold, three silvers and four bronzes each. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), last year's runners-up, disappointed the most by finishing sixth with only eight silvers and as many bronzes to show for their much vaunted stars.

proved a damper with only two records being rewritten — both by the women — out of the competitions held in as many as 34 events. Jyotsna Afroze and Nilufar Yasmin, BJMC teammates, bettered their own national marks in the discus and long jump on Wednesday and Thursday respectively.



Eleven events were decided on the concluding day. Army's Afzal Hossain retained the triple jump gold, L/Nk Md Younus Ali of Army won the marathon, Hav Jahangir Alam the pole vault and Hav Rezaul Haq, also of Army, the discus gold.

Army quarters won both the 4x400m and 4x100m relays while the BJMC girls, powered by Lovely and Nilufar, garnered the 4x400m relay gold.

Nilufar Yasmin who took the silver in 13.44 secs.

For both Ambia and Nilufar Yasmin the meet was most rewarding, bringing them four golds each.

While Ambia, in addition to his sprint doubles, anchored the Army quartets to the 4x100m and 4x400m relays, Nilufar, in addition to her second day long jump record, won the 200m gold and the two relay golds for BJMC.

Milzar Hossain, once considered a most promising runner, but who has been constantly disappointing over the past few seasons, at last had something to cheer himself up by winning the 800m gold yesterday, his pet event. The former Olympian, who runs for BJMC, failed to beat teammate Mehdi Hassan in the 400m, settling for the silver.

Feroza Khatoon was perhaps the biggest disappointment of the meet, losing both the sprint events to new challengers.

While Golam Ambia of Army retained his reputation as the fastest man of the country by winning the 100m gold, albeit in a slow 10.87 secs, Lovely Begum of BJMC sprang the biggest surprise of the meet by displacing Feroza Khatoon of BTMC in the women's 100m dash yesterday. Feroza, BTMC's last gold medal hope, finished third behind Lovely — who clocked 13.32 secs, well outside the existing mark, and quadruple gold medalist

FINAL MEDAL TABLE

	G	S	B
B Army	18	9	5
BJMC	13	10	7
Ansars and VDP	1	3	4
Customs & Excise	1	3	4
B Navy	1	1	3
BTMC	0	8	8
BA*	0	0	3
Raj-haht Div	0	0	1
Total	34	34	35

Nat'l junior meet results

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Some more quarter-finals and pre-quarter-finals of the Beximco national junior and sub-junior badminton championships were held yesterday, the fifth day of the week-long meet, at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium.

In the girls' under-14 singles, Sharmin Momo of Air Force beat Farnaz of the same team moved into the semifinals.

Momo beat Nasrin of Rajshahi 11-1, 11-1 while Farnaz outplayed Naznin of Rajshahi 11-7, 5-11, 12-9 in the quarter-finals.

In the boys' under-18 singles quarter-finals, Suman of Air Force beat Wahid of Chittagong 15-3, 15-6 and Abul of Chittagong beat Tarek of Air Force 15-3, 15-3 while Subir of Chittagong beat

Asaruzzaman of Feni 15-7, 15-4. Emdad of Mymensingh, Raquibul of Comilla, Zakir of Rajshahi and Sarwar of Mymensingh moved into the boys' under-14 singles semifinals beating Imran of Rajshahi, Ali Mamun of Mymensingh, Raquibul of Sirajganj and Raquibul of Air Force respectively in the quarter-finals.

In the pre-quarter-finals of the boys' under-18 doubles, six sets were decided yesterday.

Hockey league

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Yesterday was a rest day in the Green Delta First Division hockey league.

Bachelors SC will take on newcomers Bangladesh SC today at 1:45 pm while Ajax SC will clash with Azad SC at 3:15 pm at the Hockey Stadium.

Ashraf and Asad of Feni beat Rafiqul and Anwar of Bogra 15-4, 15-2; Aminul and Shahidul of Tangail beat Ahmed and Ariful of Lakhimpur 15-5, 12-15; 15-12; Kabir and Mithu of Comilla beat Amirul and Sayedur of Ansars 15-11, 15-2; Projal and Ibrahim of Jessore beat Shaquib and Manjur of Pabna 15-7, 15-6; Pintu and Arif of Panchagarh beat Raju and Mithu of Tangail 15-12, 17-14 while Zia and Wahid of Chittagong got a walk-over against Ahsan and Emdad of Mymensingh.

Organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation, twenty-nine teams are taking part in this week-long competition that began on February 10.

The prize giving ceremony of the meet will be held on February 17 at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium.

Navratilova outplays Shriver

CHICAGO, Feb 14: Second-seeded Martina Navratilova's effective passing shots helped her outlast doubles partner Pam Shriver 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) in Virginia slims of Chicago quarterfinals play Thursday night, reports AP.

Shriver's defeat marked the 28th consecutive time she has lost to Navratilova since the 1982 US Open and 38th time in 41 meetings.

Earlier Thursday, top-seeded Steffi Graf, taking advantage of eight double faults, easily advanced to Saturday's semifinal, beating Holland's Marnie Borwick 6-2, 6-1.

Both the sixth seed, Lori McNeil, and the seventh seed, Amy Frazier survived in the second round, but not without difficulty.

McNeil defeated Ginger Helgeson, 7-5 (6-7), 5-7, 6-2, and Frazier beat Debbie Graham 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Shriver won just 12 points

in the opening set but broke Navratilova in the first game of the second set.

Navratilova, gaining 19 points off passing shots in the 81-minute match, finally broke Shriver in the eighth game for a 4-1 tie.

But Shriver broke Navratilova back in the ninth game, only to lose her serve in the 12th game, requiring a 12-point tiebreaker.

Navratilova won the tiebreaker, 7-2, taking the match when Shriver dinked a ball into the net.

"I was really hoping for a third set because I was getting into the match with my serve," Shriver said.

But Navratilova never has taken Shriver for granted, adding, "Sure, we're good friends, and we know each other's game well, too well almost."

"When her serves are going in she's really tough," Navratilova added. "After a while, I was trying to return

like she does, and I got into trouble."

Graf praised Bollegraf, saying, "She really made me work hard for the points, a lot more than in the first round."

Bollegraf served quite well, Graf noted, "so, it took me a few games to get into the match."

Graf broke Bollegraf in the sixth game of the first set and again in the eighth thanks to double faults.

Bollegraf's serve failed her in the fourth game of the second set, losing the match when Graf drove a 103 mph (165 kph) ace to her forehead.

McNeil, winning just 42 of 76 (55 percent) first service points, and victimized by Helgeson's slashing forehand drives, was forced into the 12-point tiebreaker when she failed to hold serve.

"It had to fight hard for every point. And when you don't serve well and in turn don't return well either, you're asking for trouble," McNeil said.



Lovely Begum (R) of BJMC pips teammate Nilufar Yasmin and BTMC's defending champion Feroza Khatoon (L) to win the 100m gold on the concluding day of the 20th national championships at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Tyson to be sentenced March 27

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Feb 14: Lawyers for Mike Tyson won a delay on Thursday in the sentencing of the former heavyweight champion convicted this week of raping a US beauty pageant contestant, reports Reuter.

Judge Patricia Gifford of Marion County Circuit Court set a new date of March 27 for the sentencing hearing after Tyson's lawyers asked for more time to prepare.

The hearing, originally set for March 6, might last as long as three days. Court observers said additional postponements were likely.

A jury of eight men and four women convicted Tyson on Monday on one charge of rape and two charges of deviate conduct involving the Rhode Island woman he met at a black beauty pageant in Indianapolis last summer.

The 25-year-old former

champion is free on 30,000 dollars bail pending an expected appeal.

If his appeal fails Tyson is likely to be sentenced to six to 10 years under Indiana guidelines that would apply in his case, and would probably would serve half that time.

The woman who accused Tyson Desiree Washington, 18, stepped out of the shadows in New York on Thursday, having given a national magazine permission to use her name and photograph.

In a six-page article to be published in People magazine on Monday she said she did not bring the case against Tyson to court to achieve fame.

It was the right thing to do, she said. The name of rape victims generally are not publicized in the United States.

People Managing Editor Landon Jones Jr said Washington agreed to allow her name and photograph to be used after establishing a rapport with the reporter who covered the trial and was not paid for her story.

Connors sends Stich packing

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb 14: Jimmy Connors fashioned a triumph of logic over power Thursday night as he surprised Michael Stich 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5, eliminating the world's No 3 player from the first 780,000 Federal Express International, reports AP.

Stich, the reigning Wimbledon champion and the tournament's top seed, found a formidable foe in Connors, winner of eight Grand Slam events including the 1974 and 1982 Wimbledon titles.

Stich, who recorded 25 aces during the 2-hour, 46-minute match, appeared to have the answer to Connors rejuvenated play in his powerful serve.

Connors would take a point with a hanging backhand winner. Stich would counter with an ace.

Connors would score with a touch shot. Stich would

counter with an ace.

But the decisive shots were a pair of unforced errors by Stich — a long return of Connors' first serve on the decisive point in the second-set tiebreaker and a backhand return of serve that sailed wide at match point.

"I'm getting aced three times a game and all I wanted to do was hang in there, like I did, and hope that maybe he'll make a mistake," said Connors, a four-time winner at Memphis and currently ranked 56th by the ATP.

The victory sent Connors, a four-time winner at Memphis, into a quarterfinal matchup with Aron Krickstein, who eliminated Todd Woodbridge 6-2, 6-2.

The Netherlands' Paul Haarhuis, the No. 13 seed, added to the day's upset total, eliminating No. 3 seed David Wheaton 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5, and No. 14 seed MaliVai Washington pushed No. 4 Michael Chang from the field

with a 7-5, 7-6 (7-2) win.

Israel's Amos Masdorf advanced with a 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-1) victory over sixth-seeded Brad Gilbert and South African Wayne Ferreira, the No 7 seed, eliminated No. 9 Richey Ruzberg 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

In a match between unseeded players, Michiel Schapers defeated Jason Stoltenberg 6-1, 6-2.

Pete Sampras, the No. 2 seed, made quick work of Canadian Grant Connell, advancing with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 victory.

Connors said he could see the pressure begin to effect Stich as the match progressed.

"It's tough out there for those young guys just like it was when (Ken) Rosewall was out there 20 years ago. He (Stich) is the Wimbledon champion and nobody wants to lose to an old guy," said Connors.

Haarhuis, ranked 41st, pulled his service game together late against Wheaton, ranked 15th by the ATP.

Atlanta unveils new '96 logo

ATLANTA, Feb 14: The new logo for the 1996 Olympics unveiled Thursday includes a flaming torch, reports AP.

The new logo replaces the five-A's star emblem used during Atlanta's bid to host the Summer Games.

The new emblem features the Olympic rings and the numeral, 100 forming a torch with red and orange flames topped with three multi-

coloured stars. At the bottom of the rectangular emblem are the words, "Atlanta 1996."

"No doubt by 1996, this logo will be one of the most recognised symbols in the world," declared Billy Payne, President of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

ACOGS officials said new logo is meant to reflect that 1996 marks the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympics, which started in Athens, Greece, in 1896.

It will be featured on merchandise sold only in the

Southeast from now until the end of this summer's Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, where it will be featured during the closing ceremonies. After that, the merchandise will be available all over the world.

The design was selected from among about 500 proposals developed over the past year. It was drawn by San Francisco-based Lander Associates, an international design firm, with support from Atlanta-based Copeland Design, which created the original logo.



President of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games Billy Payne unveils the logo for the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta on Feb 13. The committee judged more than over a six-month period before deciding on the logo made by London Associates.

Orient crush ABC

Sports Reporter

Experienced Azad Boys Club suffered their first defeat in the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league when a spirited Orient Sporting Club beat them by an impressive 69 runs to record their fourth consecutive win yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Batting first, Orient made a reasonable 175-run for four wickets from their quota of 35 overs, thanks to Tuhin, who remained not out with a superb 62 that included nine hits to the fence.

Shohag with 47 and Khokon with 22 lent him able support. Pavel and Munna bagged a wicket apiece for Azad Boys.

Facing the target, Azad Boys collapsed to a poor 106 all out in 28.3 overs.

Pavel topscored with 39 hitting four fours. Nayan got 16 while no other Azad Boys batsman could reach the double figures.

Kajal, the most successful Orient bowler, claimed three wickets for 22 while Mamun with two wickets, backed him well.

In the other match of the day, a second wicket partnership between Bappy and Moshed of invaluable 67 runs helped Shantinagar Club-B cruise past the 196 made by United Heroes for the loss of six wickets at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Batting first, United Heroes piled up their 196 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their stipulated 35 overs.

Shaker topscored with a swashbuckling 49 made with the help of half a dozen overboundaries and a couple of boundaries off just 37 deliveries.

Sham scored 39 that con-

tained four sixes off 31 balls. Habu (Sr) and skipper Ritul got 26 and 20 respectively for United Heroes.

Mamun, Syjan, and Hira took two wickets each for Shantinagar B.

Chasing the target, Shantinagar B sailed safely home in 30.4 overs losing six wickets, thanks to the second wicket stand between Bappy and Moshed.

Besides, Murad and skipper Rupu made 30 and 25 respectively for Shantinagar B.

Farhan and Suman pocketed two wickets apiece for United Heroes.

Orient's victory over Azad Boys took their points tally to eight while Azad Boys have six points from four outings each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Rainbow AC vs Young Pegasus B (DCS)
Lalbahar Anwar SC vs Wari KC (T&T ground)

DC kabaddi now from Feb 26

Sports Reporter

The first Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's kabaddi championship, organized by the Dhaka District Sports Association, which was earlier scheduled to begin from today, February 15, will now be held from February 26 following the dislocation caused by the recent countrywide transport strike, says a press release.

Eight teams divided into two groups will take part. The teams are: GROUP-A: Bangladesh Bank Club, Jhatika Samaj Kalyan Sangha, Maniknagar Unnayan Samity and Bangladesh Boys Club.

GROUP-B: Jatrabari Faruk Smriti Sangha, Azad Sporting Club, Gajaria Jana Kalyan Samity and Young Star Club.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Box
 - 5 Actress Ryan
 - 8 Vaudeville units
 - 12 Rural pathway
 - 13 Levin or Gershwin
 - 14 French painter
 - 15 Land of Opportunity
 - 17 Rubber trees
 - 18 "The — of Wrath"
 - 19 Cockpit VIPS
 - 21 Cabine monkey
 - 22 Fly in a glider
 - 23 Append
 - 26 Group of seals
 - 28 " — Door" (movie)
 - 31 Hard fat
 - 33 Cain's land
 - 35 Yellow cheese
 - 36 Spartan serf
 - 38 Outer
- DOWN**
- 40 Goddess of harvests
 - 41 Like — of bricks
 - 43 Force
 - 45 Be on one's guard
 - 47 Tempt
 - 51 Common catchall
 - 52 Old Dominion
 - 54 River in France
 - 55 Printer's measures
 - 56 Gets too ripe
 - 57 Evened the score
 - 58 Caviar
 - 59 Dagger
 - 1 Refinery
 - 2 Young refuse
 - 3 salmon
 - 3 Singer Paul
 - 4 Harvests
 - 5 TV's —
 - 6 Special time
 - 7 Inhales suddenly
 - 8 Praise too highly
 - 9 Centennial State
 - 10 Weight allowance
 - 11 Soap-frame bar
 - 16 One of the tides
 - 20 Hawaiian hawks
 - 23 Hardwood tree
 - 24 Owing
 - 25 First State
 - 27 June bug
 - 29 Breach
 - 30 River in Germany
 - 32 Demolished: slang
 - 34 Varied
 - 37 Craggy hill
 - 39 Chinese dynasty
 - 42 Anagram of Verne
 - 44 Follows a recipe
 - 45 Paragon of redness
 - 46 Reticule
 - 48 Privy to
 - 49 Refer to as an example
 - 50 Alleviate
 - 53 Daughter of Cadmus

Solution time: 21 mins.

POPE	BAG	COLD
ABUT	RIA	ALAE
TIMECARD	RIME	
ETA	LIE	ADDER
TON	FIT	
FORAY	CARAVEL	
ARAB	SOT	BINE
DEPLETE	BLADE	
ELY	MAE	
CHILI	SIN	MOO
HORA	LANDLORD	
OLAN	EGO	IDLE
WEND	MAR	PEER

Thursday's answer 8-14

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8-14 CRYPTOQUIP

CBR PRIH XQWZCZDMN
ER GZPRIH WDH NDDJ
Q XER X WMJ EGR
Thursday's Cryptoquip: PROFESSIONAL BARN PAINTER, WRONGLY ACCUSED OF ROBBERY, WAS CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Koreans hope this will be the last

BRIDES-LES-BAINS, France, Feb 14: North and South Koreans are living apart at the Olympic village, but their governments are discussing forming a joint team after more than four decades of enmity, reports AP.

"We Koreans hope to become one nation again, and that process begins with sports," says Gan Duk Chun, head of the North Korean delegation to the Albertville Games.

Sports unification means we may have national unification," said Lee Soo-yong, chief of the South Korean delegation to the Winter Games.

In recent months, the prime ministers from once-warring sides signed a peace accord. American and North Korean diplomats held official contacts, and an annual US-

South Korean military exercise that the North has long resented was cancelled.

South Korea, addressing another of the North's concerns, announced last year that there were no American nuclear weapons on its territory.

The North has agreed to allow international experts to inspect its nuclear facilities, although it has not said when the inspections could begin.

United Korean teams were formed for smaller events last year — a youth soccer competition in Portugal and the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan. And Gan says one Korea will compete at the Asian Winter Games in North Korea in 1995.

Sports Ministers from the two countries met in the French Alps last Saturday and pledged to form a united team for this summer's Barcelona Games.

The two sides don't have much time. The IOC set a deadline of March 20 for Seoul and Pyongyang to submit a proposal for a joint team to the Games, which begin in July.

Intra-Korean grudges run deep. The 1950-53 Korean War pitted the communist North against the capitalist South, leaving heavy casualties and deep emotional scars.

But Lee says athletes from the two sides greet each other warmly at the Olympic village, chatting and exchanging small gifts.

"We have a rivalry, but it's a happy one," he says.

A big question is how the South Koreans, used to discotheques, modern fashions and Western music, can reconcile ideological differences with their doctrinaire Northern neighbours steeped in communism from infancy.